

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2010, Applicants respond as follows. Claims 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 19, 23, 25, 28 and 59 are amended. Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14-18, 21, 24, 27, 29-58, 63, 64, 67-70, 72, 75-77, 79-81 and 83-87 are canceled.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

I. Election/Restrictions

Claims 62, 65-66, 71, 73-74, 78 and 82 were previously withdrawn and have now been canceled in order to expedite prosecution without prejudice to filing related continuation or divisional applications claiming priority to the present application.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-8, 19-20 and 25-26 Under 35 USC § 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 4-8, 19-20 and 25-26 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Tincati and has rejected claims 1-2, 4-8 and 25-26 as also being clearly anticipated by Trebbi et al. Claims 1-2, 6, and 8 have been canceled, so their rejection is moot. Claims 4, 5, 7, 25 and 26 now depend from amended claim 9, which is now allowable as detailed below. Claim 20 depends from amended claim 19, which is now allowable as detailed below. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 9-10, 13, 22-23, 28, 59-62, 65-66, 71, 73-74, 78 and 82 are objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1, 6, and 8, claim 19 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1, claim 23 has been amended to include the

limitations of claim 1, claim 28 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1, 6, 25 and 25 and claim 59 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's request. These claims are now allowable as amended.

IV. Claims 7 and 10

Claims 7 and 10 have also been amended to correct the spelling of "neighbour" to "neighbor" in accordance with typical United States English traditions.

V. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and request the Examiner grant allowance thereof. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants via telephone if such communication would expedite this application.

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